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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION IN DMZ

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SOUTH KOREA'S SENIOR SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS,

TOLD THE HEAD OF THE

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STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER OF YONSEI UNIVERSITY THAT THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BELIEVED NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION IN THE DMZ WAS DESIGNED TO INFILTRATE AGENTS AND ARMED UNITS INTO THE SOUTH. THE SECRETARY, YU HYOK-IN, SAID HE THOUGHT THIS TOO NARROW AN INTERPRETATION ALTHOUGH THE STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO HELP COUNTER POLITICAL UNREST IN SOUTH KOREA.

THE HEAD OF THE STRATEGIC RESEARCH CENTER THOUGH THE TUNNEL-ING WAS DESIGNED TO PLACE THE DMZ UNDER DE FACTO NORTH KOREAN CONTROL PRIOR TO ANY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

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YU AGREED TO FORWARD THIS COMMENT TO THE BLUE HOUSE.

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 YU THEN STATED THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN MILITARY HAS KNOWN ABOUT
 THE NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL PROJECT FOR SOME TIME

NOW THAT ONE

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TUNNEL HAD BEEN FOUND, THE MILITARY INTENDS TO IDENTIFY OTHERS. YU
 WAS REFERRING TO THE DISCOVERY OF A NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL BY A SOUTH
 KOREAN PATROL ON NOVEMBER 14.

IF THE SOUTH KOREAN MILITARY WAS INDEED KNOWN OF THE TUNNEL
 PROJECT-- IT MAY HAVE

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ORCHESTRATED THE INCIDENT OF NOVEMBER 14 TO FOCUS THE PUBLIC'S
 ATTENTION ON THE ENEMY TO THE NORTH AND TO REEMPHASIZE THIS
 THREAT PRIOR TO PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO KOREA.

BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE DMZ THROUGH AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORTIFICATIONS IN ADJOINING AREAS. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE TUNNELS ARE INTENDED BOTH AS A CHANNEL FOR INFILTRATION INTO THE SOUTH AND AS A MEANS OF EXPANDING NORTH KOREA'S MILITARY INFLUENCE WITHIN THE DMZ ITSELF.

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